

October 23, 2013

The Honorable Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of September 19, 2013, asking us to add an Atlanta-area public meeting to receive comments on the waste confidence draft generic environmental impact statement and proposed rule. As you may know, the agency will be holding an additional 11 public meetings for this purpose, two of which will occur in the Southeast.

Unfortunately, given time and resource constraints, the agency will not be able to schedule an additional meeting in Atlanta. However, the NRC endeavored to choose meeting locations that would facilitate travel by interested members of the public from locations where the NRC was unable to schedule a meeting. We also strove to select meeting locations proximate to major airports and lodging facilities to facilitate broad attendance.

In addition, there are several ways your constituents can participate in the process. Individuals who are unable to attend a meeting in person may participate in a scheduled NRC headquarters meeting, which will be webcast via NRC's website and accessible through a moderated teleconference line. NRC held the first of two such meetings on October 1, and another one is scheduled for November 14. Details about the meeting and how to participate can be found on the NRC website public meeting page at <http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. In addition, the NRC also will accept written comments from any member of the public during the comment period, which runs through November 27, 2013. Information about how to submit written comments is also on the NRC public website page at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/wcd/pub-involve.html>.

The NRC is committed to informing the public and providing opportunities for participation in our decision-making process regarding waste confidence. We hope that your constituents will utilize the options available to them to participate. If you have any questions, please contact me or Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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